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SUBJECT: INVITATION TO SECRETARY FROM LORD MAYOR OF CARDIFF

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER DATED JANUARY 15, 1975, TO THE SECRETARY FROM THE LORD MAYOR OF CARDIFF INVITING HIM TO ATTEND CEREMONY AT WHICH FREEDOM OF THE CITY WILL BE CONFERRED ON FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN. LETTER WAS HANDED TO CHARGE JANUARY 16 FOR TRANSMISSION TO THE SECRETARY. SIGNED ORIGINAL FOLLOWS BY POUCH.

BEGIN TEXT

DEAR DR. KISSINGER:

I BELIEVE YOU ARE AWARE THAT THE CITY OF CARDIFF WILL BE HONOURING THE RT. HON. JAMES CALLAGHAN, M.P., SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS BY CONFERRING UPON HIM THE FREEDOM OF THE CITY AT A CEREMONY TO TAKE PLACE AT THE CITY HALL, CARDIFF, ON THURSDAY, 6TH OF MARCH. AT THE SAME TIME ANOTHER MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, THE RT. HON. GEORGE THOMAS, WHO IS AT PRESENT DEPUTY SPEAKER AT THE HOUSE OF COMMONS WILL ALSO BE RECEIVING THE FREEDOM.

THIS IS AN UNIQUE OCCASION IN THE HISTORY OF THE CITY, WHEN WE SHALL BE HONOURING TWO MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT WHO HAVE SERVED CARDIFF CONTINUOUSLY FOR OVER 30 YEARS, AND HAVE BOTH HELD HIGH OFFICE AND ARE PRIVY COUNSELLORS.

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THE FREEDOM CEREMONY WILL COMMENCE AT 12 NOON AND LAST FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR, AND ON THE EVENING OF THAT DAY A CIVIC BANQUET WILL BE HELD HERE IN HONOUR OF THE TWO NEW FREEMEN.

IT WOULD GIVE ME, AND IN PARTICULAR, MR. CALLAGHAN THE GREATEST OF PLEASURE IF YOU WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO ACCEPT THE INVITATION TO COME TO CARDIFF ON THAT DAY AND BE THE GUEST OF THE CITY, AND I NEED HARDLY SAY THAT AS CAPITAL OF THE PRINCIPALITY OF WALES A WARM WELCOME WILL BE EXTENDED TO YOU BY ALL OUR CITIZENS. I AM AWARE OF YOUR EXTREMELY HEAVY LIST OF ENGAGEMENTS, BUT HOPE THAT NEVERTHELESS YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ACCEPT THIS INVITATION AND, IF YOU ARE ABLE TO DO SO, IT WOULD GIVE ME ADDED PLEASURE IF YOU AND ANY COLLEAGUES WHO MAY ACCOMPANY YOU, WOULD ACCEPT A FURTHER INVITATION TO BE MY GUESTS OVERNIGHT AT THE MANSION HOUSE HERE.

MAY I LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF THIS INVITATION, AND I EXTEND MY VERY BEST WISHES TO YOU IN YOUR ADMIRABLE WORK IN SEEKING TO BRING PEACE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

YOURS SINCERELY,  
(SIGNED) ALBERT HUISH, J.P.  
LORD MAYOR

END TEXT

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